

Gen. Meyers Pleads Innocent To Senate Perjury Charge

Truman Seeks to Free 10 Million Taxpayers, Raise Business Levies

(Continued From Page One) many millions. The 10 million individuals who would be relieved of taxes altogether represent about one-fifth of all persons who annually have been making returns under high wartime tax rates.

Only Surprise "Package"

It was the only surprise package in Mr. Truman's message although political realists had been confident he would in some way counter Republican income tax maneuvers in an election year.

"It is estimated," Mr. Truman said, "that such a tax credit would reduce the Federal revenue by \$3,200,000,000. This reduction should be made up by increasing the tax on corporate profits in an amount that will produce this sum—with appropriate adjustment for small corporations."

He said corporate profits in 1947 hit a record-breaking \$17 billion after taxes while many families were suffering hardship because of the high cost of living.

He proposed tax rate adjustments "so that those least able to pay will have their burden lessened by the transfer of a portion of it to those best able to pay."

Proposes Minimum Wage of \$30 a Week

Mr. Truman's proposed hike in minimum wages would be the equivalent of a boost from \$18 to a minimum of \$30 per 40-hour week. He asked more funds for anti-trust enforcement and stronger legislation to protect competition against monopoly.

The President called on industry to invest \$50 billion in the next few years to expand and improve production facilities.

He told Congress our social security structure was only half-finished. The message proposed broader coverage and higher pay levels for unemployment compensation, old age benefits and survivors benefits.

This should be accompanied, Mr. Truman continued, by a national system of payment for medical care based on insurance principles and substantial Federal assistance to overcome educational inadequacies in any state.

"Our ultimate aim," he said, "must be a comprehensive insurance system to protect all our people equally against insecurity and ill-health."

Wants Rent Controls Stronger and Longer

He asked Congress to create a Department of Welfare to administer the expanded health, education and security programs.

Mr. Truman said every American family should be provided with a decent home within the next 10 years. Meantime he demanded extension and strengthening of rent controls.

"As an immediate step," he said, "we need the long-range housing program which I have recommended on many occasions. This should include financial aids designed to yield more housing at lower prices. It should provide public housing for low-income families and vigorous development of new techniques to lower the cost of building."

The message keynotes peace and prosperity. But Mr. Truman warned that inflation was dangerous out of hand and must be checked to prevent depression.

To that end he asked again for the cost-of-living controls which the November-December emergency session of Congress considered and largely rejected. These included authority for limited rationing of scarce commodities and for wage price ceilings.

Says Inflation Holds Threat of Depression

"High prices must not be our means of rationing," the President told Congress. "We must deal effectively and at once with the important subject."

IN INDIANAPOLIS

EVENTS TODAY

Indiana State Association—Dinner, LaRue's Restaurant. Indiana District Kiwanis International Registration—9:30 a. m. Indiana Medical Center.

Kiwanis Club—Hotel Antlers. Lions Club—Claypool Hotel.

Red Cross—Hotel St. Regis. Robert Nathan, address, 8:15 p. m., clubhouse.

EVENTS TOMORROW

Caroline Scott Harrison Chapter, DAR—Afternoon, chapter house.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

John Barrett, 600 N. Beville; Audrey L. Mitten, 403 N. Beville; Clara F. Miller, 421 Dornan; Grace Thomas Larrimore, 1960 Holloway.

Robert O. Miller, 721 Dornan; Marie Oliver, 3811 Winthrop.

Robert Martin, 217 N. East; Myrtle L. Burton, 302 E. Michigan; Cecilia Alker, 219 S. Noble; Dena R. Dorin, 2029 N. New Jersey; Mollie E. Riddle, 415 N. Highland; James S. Cunningham, Stout Field; Marie Lewis, Anderson.

John Summers, 330 N. Alabama; Nellie Williams, 538 N. Indiana; Harold Charles Defender, 320 N. LaSalle; Catherine Elizabeth Murphy, 320 N. LaSalle.

Charlie Barrett, 291 N. Senate; Juanita Decker, 4412 E. 21st; Dorothy Webb, 1337 N. Market.

Robert Decker, 415 N. Highland; Hattie D. Rexroat, 1194 Bacon.

Harold L. Lovell, 1025 N. Delaware; Mary Gen Eugene Oettinger, Panama City, Fla.; Virginia Heitzman, 1025 N. Alabama; Clifton Devine, Hammond; Dorothy May, Hammond.

Pat Niel Dell'Anon Jr., Kansas City; Yvonne C. Stokes, Hotel Furman; Daniel F. Gandy, 100 N. Michigan; Elizabeth Gleason, 622 N. New Jersey; Jimmie Lee Bowen, 120 S. Illinois; Jean Chasie F. Garner Jr., 2009 N. LaSalle; Nadeen Eddyne Mass, 100 N. Michigan; Robert Northwest, Reba Blanton, 2424 Northwestern.

BIRTHS

At General—Herman Evelyn Savage.

At Vincent's—William, Mary, George, Edward, John, David, Dorothy, Dorothy, Robert, Miriam, Priscilla.

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